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Lambda Center Dinner Planned For Historic Hotel Easton

Boston City Council Member To Speak

In the long history of struggle for the acceptance of homosexuality, David Scondras has become something of a milestone.

Elected two years ago to a seat on Boston's City Council, Scondras ran and serves as that city's first elected city official who happens to be gay--openly gay.

That has been no small feat in a community as tradition-bound as Boston, and Scondras will speak about the experience when he delivers the keynote address to Lambda Center's upcoming annual fall fundraiser at the newly renovated historic Hotel Easton.

Planned for the evening of Friday, November 21st, the event will include Lambda Center's second annual banquet

and its first annual awards presentations.

Cash-bar cocktails will be served during a reception hour that is to begin at 6:30 p.m. A dinner of chicken cordon bleu and several courses will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Scondras has won both gay and non-gay support from his constituents in Boston's District 8, which includes Center City, Beacon Hill, Fenway and Mission Hill.

A member of the council's Housing and Education Committee, he was a sponsor and chief proponent of a strong human rights ordinance passed a year ago, and he is currently receiving broad support, especially from the non-gay community, for his work in behalf of new housing programs.

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New Music I Party,
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Wednesday, Dec. 3 -

Annual Wet Jockey Shorts Contest,
Hosted by the Outrageous
Myrna Louise

Dinner...

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Scondras is expected to speak about grassroots organizing efforts and, in fact, will be making his visit to the Lehigh Valley not from Boston but from Washington, D.C., where he will be attending a conference for gay elected office holders.

The program will also include the presentation of the first Lehigh Valley Lambda Awards to honor individuals for their volunteer efforts in helping to build and organize the gay community.

Recipients have been chosen from more than 20 nominees by a special selection committee appointed by the Lambda Center board. The awards will be given for "community service," "humanitarian service" and "lifetime achievement."

Emcee for the evening will be Rose Craig, a member of Lambda Center's board of directors.

Tickets cost \$25 per person, and reservations, with payment, will be required by November 10. Send checks to P.O. Box 1656, Allentown 18105. You will receive confirmation by return mail.

For the second year in a row, Lambda Center has gone to Massachusetts for its annual dinner speaker.

Last year's keynote address was by U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, whose district includes Cape Cod, Hanover and Bedford. Like Scondras, Studds also happens to be gay.



Fri., Nov. 7 - Stan, Carl and Tom Drag Show
 Sat., Nov. 15, Bobbie and His Guest
 Fri., Nov. 21 - Vicki and Jamie From The ReBells
 Fri., Dec. 12 - Carl, Stan and Vickie From The ReBells
 Sat., Dec. 20 - Christmas Show and Party
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Lambda Center Scouting For Executive Director

Attention, gays and lesbians of the Lehigh Valley: The Lambda Center is "head hunting" for a full-time paid executive director.

It has become apparent to the Lambda Center's board that it cannot depend on volunteer help alone. As tireless and caring as many have been in helping to make the Lambda Center a success, it has become too much for volunteers alone. With so many of the center's activists having overflowing calendars, attending one meeting after another, the Lambda Center's board believes that, at this crucial moment in the center's history, it needs to take bold steps to keep it viable.

The board formally reached this decision at its October meeting, but discussions about hiring a director have been going on for more than a year. Although the full list of job qualifications has yet to be drawn up, some have been discussed. For one, the executive director would work part-time for the Lambda Center and part-time for the AIDS Services Center.

The duties would include working with volunteers, helping to coordinate the various groups and committees that fall under the umbrella of the Lambda Center and, of course, fund raising.

In the highly competitive fund raising environment of the 1980s, the center feels it needs an individual to devote a great deal of time to raising revenues. The board knows that if the center is to survive, it must have someone who is skilled in writing grant proposals and who knows how to tap all potential funding sources.

The board would also like to see a full-time person supervise its day-to-day affairs, spending a certain number of hours each day at the center, making the space more available to members of the gay and lesbian community. The director would also be available to take telephone calls, accept mail and complete simple household tasks.

It was also agreed that the executive director would need to be someone who is willing to be public about his or her sexual orientation and to speak for the center when the need arises.

Says Lambda Center president Paul Kendall, "What we need is a person who will be dedicated to the job."

Of course, a great deal needs to be done before an executive director is hired. Although a salary range has been discussed, no firm figures have been decided. The board is hoping to offer a fixed amount and then consider bonuses or other types of compensation, depending, at least in part, on the director's ability to raise funds.

The next step is to advertise that the position is open. An ad hoc committee of three board members has been formed to compose the ad. It will run in the local and national gay media and in the local press, as well.

The directors of the Lambda Center realize that they are taking a big step in hiring an executive director. But it is a step they feel must be taken if the center is to grow and meet the challenges of the future.

Women's Column

by Desiree

When the brisk November winds blow, stay warm among new friends at Women's Night at the Lambda Center, held the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. This informal gathering of women promises to hold something for you.

On November 3rd, chase the chill with HOT video viewing. Erotic In Nature, written for women by women, should provide a few sparks!

A potluck celebration of ourselves is planned for November 17th at the center. Beginning at 7 p.m., this will be a fine opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of our sex. Come and stuff yourself!

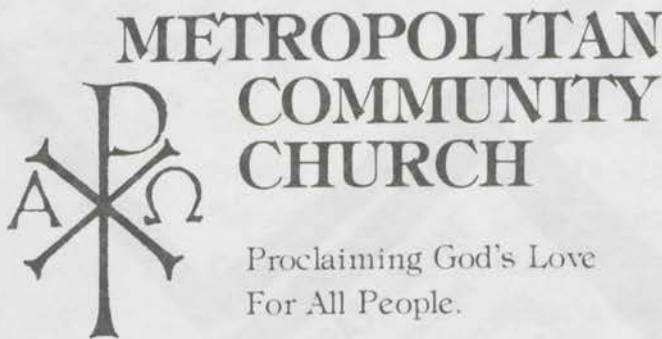
Do you sometimes feel that the holiday is filled with good cheer for someone else, never you? Lesbians Unlimited of the Lehigh Valley will be

hosting a day of coming together, complete with turkey, this Thanksgiving Day from noon-8 p.m., at a South Allentown location. Come along with friends to bask in the supportive environment that women can give. Contact L.U.L.V., P.O. Box 665, Trexlertown, PA 18087, for more information.

Call the UH-OH Squad...My gawd, there are women out there!--many of whom want to know why the pseudonym "Desiree"? First, this column is intended to reflect many different views and interests, not just those of one individual. (Where is your input?) Secondly, the Valley is still not accepting of us in some quarters. We still worry about loss of jobs, and custody of our children, friends, families, if our lesbian identity should become known.

How do you survive as a woman-identified woman in this valley? How can we connect with one another to provide the support we all need? Next month's column will deal with this issue.

Send your coping secrets and double-bolted closet-door stories to Women's Column, % Lambda Valley Monthly, Box 1633, Allentown, PA 18105. Help us all become stronger.



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We're celebrating our 4th.

THERE IS STILL A LITTLE TIME LEFT...
to get your tickets for the 4th Annual Lambda Dinner to be held November 21, at the Historic Hotel Easton. Without a doubt this is the most prestigious affair the Lambda Center hosts each year. This year is no exception. Boston City Councilman David Scondras is keynote speaker and the 1st Annual Lambda award presentation are scheduled. Cost-\$25.00---Deadline November 10th.

WORTH REPEATING...
If alcohol or drugs are affecting your life or the life of someone you care about then there is support for you. AL-ANON meets at the Lambda Center every Friday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Your privacy is guaranteed in this discreet meeting. For further info contact the Hotline-433-5444.

LOOKING INTO OUR CRYSTAL BALL...
A tradition in the lesbian/gay community of the Lehigh Valley has been the Annual Le-Hi-Ho Holiday party. This year the party is planned for Sunday, December 21, 1986 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Every year we get together to celebrate the holidays with old and new friends. The party is being held at the Lambda Center as it

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS...
Between now and the end of the year the Nomination Committee of the Lambda Center will be accepting names of people for seats on its Board of Directors in 1987. There are one, two and three year terms available. The only requirement is that one must be a member of the Lambda Center to hold a seat on its Board.

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Ongoing "GOINGS ON"

Sundays(11/16,23,30;12/7,14)	Metropolitan Community Church	7:30 p.m.
Fridays(11/14,21,28;12/5,12,19)	Al-Anon	7:00-8:00p.m.
24 hours/day, 7 days/week	Lesbian/gay and AIDS HOTLINE	433-5444

November-December Calendar of Events

11/11	Tuesday	Lambda Center Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.
11/14	Friday	Video Night	8:30 p.m.
11/16	Sunday	HOTLINE Business meeting	4:00-6:00p.m.
11/17	Monday	Womyn's Night	7:30 p.m.
11/18	Tuesday	Finance Committee meeting	7:30 p.m.
11/19	Wednesday	Fundraising and Program Committee meeting	7:30 p.m.
11/21	FRIDAY	4TH ANNUAL LAMBDA DINNER	7:30p.m.
11/25	Tuesday	Center Dev. and Communications Comm. mtg.	7:30 p.m.
11/27	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	
12/1	Monday	Womyn's Night	7:30 p.m.
12/ 9	Tuesday	Lambda Center Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.
12/12	Friday	Video Night	8:30 p.m.
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12/16	Tuesday	Finance Committee meeting	7:30 p.m.
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Bar Column

by Bob Sweeney

Now that the weather is turning chilly, it's time to get on out and boogey to keep warm.

The Stonewall, 28-30 North 10th Street, Allentown, promises to be hot Wednesday, November 12th, starting at 11 p.m., featuring dance-oriented rock and new age music with slight regressions. Regression? Come see and find out! On Wednesday, December 3rd, the irrepressible Myrna Louise will be hosting The Wet Jockey Shorts Contest. I do hope the boys***'s don't get cold! No cover either night.

Or, try Candida, 247 North 12th Street, Allentown, where you can enjoy a cocktail with friends seven days a week.

The Silhouette Lounge, 524 West Berwick Street, Easton, will be hosting The Re-Bells, a Female Impersonating Troupe from Reading, Friday, November 7th and Friday, November 21st. On Saturday, November 15th, Bobby and Special Guest will be at The Silhouette doing Female Impersonation.

The 13th Street Pub, 130 South 13th Street, Easton, will be hosting Men's Amateur Night on Tuesday, November 11th. Let's hear those high notes, boys! Thursday, November 20th is Molson Beer Night at The Pub, with a free mug with Molson on tap. D-Troupe will be performing at The Pub on Wednesday, November 26th, with its review of Female Impersonations.

Further north, Hans and Dave invite you to have a drink with them at The Blue Bugle, 724 Main Street, Stroudsburg. Enjoy dancing or a quiet evening of fun.

Ladies, while you are in the area, Rainbow Mountain Resort, Mt. Neabo Road, Marshall's Creek, near East Stroudsburg, is again hosting a Ladies For The '80's

Party, Sunday, November 23rd. For those of you who have no Thanksgiving Day plans, The Resort is serving a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner from 3 p.m.-? on Turkey Day.

A very hearty welcome to the new friends we are adding to The Bar Column:

The Bar, 307 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre. Join owner Michael Dennis for cocktails and fun!

Just over in Scranton, there is Jimmy The Greek, 223 Lackawanna Avenue, and Silhouette, 523 Linden Street, both making an exceptionally good time easy.

And closer to home, The Red Star Saloon, 11 South 10th Street, Reading, will be hosting Jerry Holiday's Glamour Girls on November 14th and 15th, featuring all your favorites, including Bette Davis. There is a \$5 cover for this show.

The Glass Door, 221 North 5th Street, Reading, is now serving dinners Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. on.

When last we talked to The Scarab, 724 Franklin Street, Reading, the owners were applying for a private club license through the P.L.C.B. Well, a decision still hasn't come from the board. Details as they develop. Stay tuned!

When in Reading, stop in at Nostalgia, 1101 North 9th Street, for a pleasant evening of conversation and good fun.

Many of the area bars are opening later than usual on Thanksgiving Day, so you might want to check in with particular bars for their opening times.

Well, folks, even though the weather is turning cold, the area bars are still sizzling, so get on out and enjoy the pre-winter excitement! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Gays On Campus

Lehigh University, one of the most conservative non-affiliated (religion) colleges in the northeastern United States, recently granted official recognition to the school's Human Diversity League, a two-and-a-half-year-old union of gay, lesbian, bisexual and supportive students.

The official recognition "will lend legitimacy to the group and the decision has long been in the waiting," according to Mr. Ethan Felson, the league's chairperson.

University recognition enables the group: to reserve meeting rooms on

campus; to have a table at student activities night, when new students sign up for various school clubs; and to apply for university funding.

According to the group's constitution, its purpose is "to increase awareness of sexual minorities on campus." To that end, a number of activities, including weekly coffeehouses, monthly movie-discussion nights and appearances by guest speakers, are being planned.

Lehigh's present enrollment is 6,000 students, which includes both undergraduate and graduate students.

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Gay History:

Lectures From Rome To Rumours

Do you ever wonder what went on among the gay blades of the ancient world? Well, the audience that attended the second of three lectures sponsored by Le-Hi-Ho on the evening of October 16 got a chance to tear the veil from the past.

The topic was the torrid and tragic love affair between the Roman Emperor Hadrian (117-138 A.D.), the absolute ruler of the known world, and a Greek boy known only as Antinous. The audience heard how a boy from the province of Bithynia caught the eye and won the heart of a Caesar. They also heard about the tragic death of Antinous and his elevation by Hadrian to the status of a god.

Included in the talk was information about gay sex life in the ancient world, the differences between Greek and Roman gay life, the feelings of the early Christian Church toward homosexuality, and the devoted cult following that the god Antinous acquired over the centuries.

The next lecture in the series, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., November 20th at the center, covers that often-asked

historical question, "Was he or wasn't she?" Fascination with the sex lives of famous people has always been a hot topic of conversation. And the question both gays and straights often wonder about has at long last come out of the closet. Pick up Walter Scott's "Personality Parade" from your local newspaper, and chances are good the question from Iowa or Utah will be about whether Noel Coward or some other famous person was really one of those "nasty boys."

This lecture will attempt to put to rest some age-old rumors. What about those sometimes mushy notes between George Washington and Alexander Hamilton? Was there really a man in Shakespeare's life? And why was Walt Whitman always so kind to soldiers?

Hopefully this lecture will put to rest some old myths and add some new truths.

And while marking your calendars for the November lecture, don't forget that Le-Hi-Ho's annual Christmas party is planned for 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, December 21st.

Restaurant Review

Our Sunday mornings have been considerably brightened recently by participating in that most continental of traditions, the brunch. The site has been the Hotel Bethlehem at 437 Main Street, in, appropriately enough, the Continental Room. There, at gold cloth covered tables, beneath elegantly sparkling chandeliers, one can indulge in congenial conversation and enjoy one of the most varied and tasty boards we have yet found.

That board includes poached eggs and hash, scrambled eggs, ham, Canadian bacon, fish, hash browns, sausage, plus a pasta dish, the name of which, despite the determined reiteration of my companion, manages to elude me still. Coffee can be had by the pot at every table; juice of all kinds and milk (including skimmed) is also available. Buns, muffins,

bread of every conceivable variety and fruit are to be had. Each table has its own toaster, which, we think, gives a rather homey touch to the entire proceedings. We've found that several trips to the board are necessary to render it justice due--always saving the last for the dessert bar, which has enticed us relentlessly with its delightful delicacies.

This charming experience is available every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The charge is \$8.95 (plus tax and gratuities) per adult. Since these calculations bring the charge to \$11.01, we strongly urge you to save not only your appetite and congenial conversation, but also a penny, for a most pleasant morning treat.

We'll see you there.

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